In *Comb* Mountain there is a Pit of a circular form, which in the Summer time uſed to have little or no Water in it, and in Winter, as much Water as would ſwell the ſurface to about fourteen or ſixteen yards croſs over: But now in the midſt of Summer it roſe up at leaſt a yard and a half higher than it was ever known to do in the wetteſt Winters; and overflowing its Banks, it fell down the Hill with ſuch violence, as to penetrate into the very body of a Rocky Road, and dug Pits in it, that will bury the biggeſt Horſes, and the Road, which was a common Highway, is now become irreparable.

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## VI. *An Obſervation of a Tumor on the Neck, full of* Hydatides, *cured by Mr* Anthony Hewnden, *Surgeon: Communicated by Dr* Edw. Tyſon, *F.R.S.*

A Gentlewoman in *London*, aged 25 years, had a large Wenny Tumor, the *Baſis* taking its Origin from all the lower hinder part of the Skull, ſtretching down the Neck near each Jugular, extending it ſelf almoſt as low as both *Scapula's*; on the upper part was a *Phlegmon*. The *Radix* being ſo large, I put on a tranſverſe Cauſtick the length and breadth of the *Tumor*, intending to ſeparate the *Cutis* from the Membrane of the *Ciſtis*; but it being ſo thin where the *Phlegmon* was, oblig'd me to divide the *Ciſtis*; out of which I ſav'd above threeſcore *Hydatides*, of the bigneſs of a ſmall Wallnut: Several more were broken. Theſe *Hydatides* ſwum in a Liquor of the conſiſtence of Whites of Eggs. In this *Ciſtis* I found a large quantity of *Atheromatous* and *Steatomatous* Matter, at the *Baſis* a large *Sarcoma*; the greateſt part I cut off, but fearing to hurt the Muſcles of the Neck, deferr'd it to the next dreſſing,

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intending to take the reſt of the *Sarcoma*, and *Radix* of the *Ciſtis* away by Cauſtical Medicines, which I applyed without ſucceſs, they coming off without making an Eſchar, the *Radix* being of a Cartilagenous ſubſtance: ſearching with my Probe to find ſome Interſtice, it dropt into one; and touching ſome Membranous or Nervous Body, caus'd the Patient to cry out furiouſly; into which Interſtice I put a piece of Roman Vitriol fitted for the place, which came out the next day all diſſolved with ſome of the *Radix*: By the continual applying of the Vitriol, I extirpated the whole *Radix*, and healed the whole *S. A.*

Two Obſervations belong to this worthy of knowing: The one is, Seven years before this Operation, this *Tumor* was very near ſo big, and ſubſided of itſelf.

The other is, when I began with Cauſtical Medicines, the firſt I uſed was *Præcip. rub.* which I cover'd the whole *Radix* with, which came off and no Eſchar, but it ſalivated the Patient for 5 weeks.

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## VII. *Part of a Letter from Mr* Robert Taylor *to Dr* Hans Sloane, *R. S. Secr. concerning a Monſtrous Birth.*

*Hitchin, April* 4. 1706.

LAſt week a Woman in a Neighbouring Village being in Strong Labour, the Midwife finding the Birth coming very awkwardly, and more Legs than uſual, after a tedious time, delivered the poor Woman of Twins (deſigned by Nature doubtleſs) but joyned together; there being but one Trunk of a Body with two Necks, on each a Head, four Arms, two forwards and two backwards,